





LESSON FOR DECEMBER 25 OF THE WISE MEN.

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SundaySchool

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC The First Christmas. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC The Most Joyous Day in the Year.

1. The King Earnestly Sought (vv.

These Wise Men who sought Jesus were either Arabian or Persian astracted their attention. they were acquainted with the famous prophecy of Balaam (Num. 24:17). Doubtless through the influence of the Jews who remained in Chalden, or the direct influence of Daniel extending to this time, they had become acquainted with the hope of a Messiah. The light they had was dim, but they lived up to the best they had. To those who act upon the best light they have, God always gives more. To those who refuse to act upon the knowledge given, God not only refuses to give more, but brings into confusion that which they already possess (Matt. 25:28). These men

the Savior, for He is the Logos-the

unto him vold (Isa, 55:11). The seeds cast upon the waters of the East brought forth fruit after many days. No work done for the Lord eventually

3. The grace of God calls men from unexpected quarters. Some who have the least opportunities give the greatest honors to Christ; while others, blessed with the richest opportunities shut Him out,

II. Herod Seeking to Kill the King (vv. 3-8).

The news brought by the Wise Mer struck terror to Herod's heart. He was not alone in this, for all Jerusalem was troubled with him. The news ought to have brought joy. A glimpse at the social customs in and about to understand why this news brought uneasiness to the people. They were living in the greatest luxury. Fine dresses, samptuous feasts, fine houses, did not want a Savior who would save them from their sins-they wanted to continue in them. Herod demanded of the priests and scribes information as to where Christ should be born. They soon were able to tell him. These people had a technical knowledge of the Scriptures, but had no heart for the Savior set forth therein. They had no disposition to seek Him. This all occurred in Jerusalem, the city of the King-the place been welcomed. It seems where the greatest privileges are, there is the greatest indifference shown as to spiritual matters. Where the light once shone the brightest, the densest darkness now reigns. It is true today that the luxuriousness of the wealthy the frivolities of the fashion-loving and the gross immoralities to which they lead, make Jesus Christ unwelcome in many quarters.

III, The King Found (vv. 9-12). The Wise Men having obtained the desired information, started immediately to find the King. As soon as they left the city, the star which had guided them from the East appeared again to lead them on. Not that it had disappeared from the sky, but the dwellings of the city, no doubt, shut out the sight of it. Oftentimes out spiritual vision is obscured or hidden by the things of this world. The stat guided them to the place where the Christ was. Those who earnestly seek Jesus shall find Him, though all hell oppose. When they found Him they worshiped Him. In this they displayed true faith. They did not see any miracles, only a babe, yet they worshiped Him as King. "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29). Note God's overruling providence in all this. Many hundred years before, the prophet said that Christ should come from Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). God so ordered affairs that Mary should be brought to that city to give birth to Christ, God so ordered that these men should depart another way, there by defeating Herod's wicked purpose. The Lord put gifts into the hands of Joseph and Mary before going to Egypt. Doubtless this served a good purpose in meeting their expenses during their stay there. Truly "All things work together for good to them that love God." (Rom. 8:28).

I sleep, I eat and drink, I read and meditate, I walk in my neighbor's pleasant fields, and see the varieties of natural beauties, and delight in all that is which God delights—that is, in virtue and wisdom, in the whole creation, and in God Himself. And he that lath so many causes of joy, and so great, is very much in love with sorrow and peevishness, who loses all these pleasures, and chooses to sit down upon his little handful of thorns.-Jeremy Taylor,

The first creation of God in the works of the days was the light of sense; the last was the light of rea-son, and His Sabbath work ever since

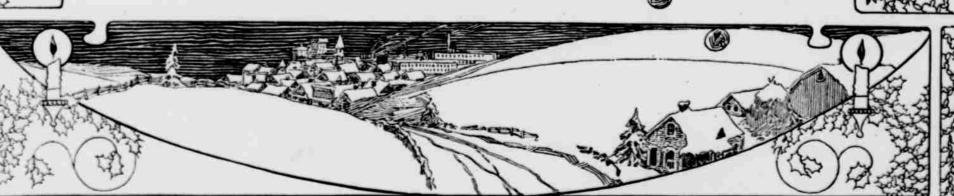
Christmas Greetings

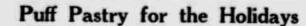
HE Christmas Season of 1921 comes To a world which I think we all realize has now set its feet fairly and firmly in the way of rehabilitation and of return to the safe ways of progress and construction.

Our own country may well regard itself as peculiarly fortunate both in its own bounteous resources and by reason of the opportunity which it has enjoyed of making its own good









Butter, quarter pound; hest pastry oblong about quarter inch thick. Take watch carefully, as it is very apt to flour, quarter pound; egg, half of the butter and put on a clean cloth, burn. yolk; water, a little; lemon julce, a beating lightly with the fist until less than half the size of the dough, squeer-

Take half the yolk of egg mix, but than half the size of the dough, squeezing do not beat, in a cup with two tables appointed of water and a few drops of lemon juice. Mix this into the flour with a knife, adding sufficient water to make the dough the right consisting than half the size of the dough, squeezing do not beat, in a cup with two tables appointed of water and a few drops of lemon juice. Mix this into the flour with a knife, adding sufficient water to make the dough the right consisting than half the size of the dough, squeezing do not beat, in a cup with two tables as dry as possible.

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try has been folded and rolled seven times, letting it stand between each rolling. Bake in a very hot oven, but

More Urgent Matters.

Plum Pudding for Christmas Feast

Plum pudding for the Christmas of a pound of flour, five eggs, one-half feast should be made as early as pos-nutneg (grated) and nuts if desired, sible, as it improves with age, and is Beat the eggs and add the sugar, which easily reheated. A good recipe for the has been mixed with the spices. Add

may be reheated by steaming it in the original mold, or it may be cut into silces and heated in a steamer.

A Pretty Taffeta "Sac."

